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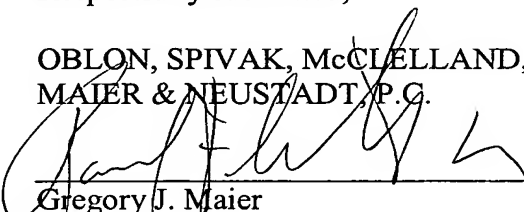
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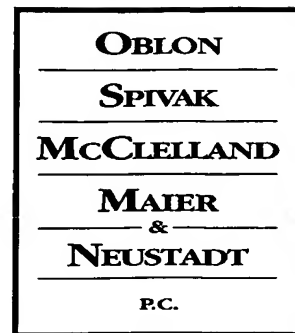
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 21, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse Group I, Claims 1-4 and 6 for examination on the merits in the present application. Applicant makes this election with the understanding that Applicant is not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications covering the non-elected claims.

Applicants traverse because, according to MPEP § 803:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

Although the Office Action has identified separate classifications, Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner; whereas it would be a

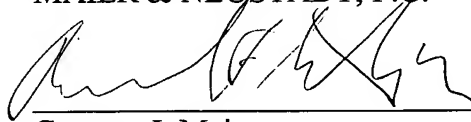
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serious burden on Applicants to prosecute and maintain separate applications on the restricted inventions.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Restriction Requirement be withdrawn and a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-7 be conducted.

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